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FRANCISCUS BELLISOMUS.

Franciscus Bellisomus,
a Gentleman born
at Pavia, in the
Dutchy of Milan, after ha-
ving finished his Studies in
Philosophy, Law and Divi-
nity, he addressed himself to
the

the then Pope *Innocentius XII.* and solicited for some Preferment, who was pleased to give him the *Præfectura*, or Provostship in *Forli*, a City in the *Exarchat Ravenna*. In the Year 1701, he went to *Rome*, where he fell acquainted with several Learned Gentlemen of the Protestant Religion, by whose Conversation he got some Insight into the Principles of *True Christianity*, by which he found himself convinced of the sandy Foundation of Popery. But talking now and then too freely about this Matter with his Friends,

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(who were gone too far in their old way of *Superstition* to be reclaimed) they made it their Business to arraign him before the Tribunal of Inquisition, where he was by Order of Pope CLEMENT XI. kept six Months, and afterwards condemn'd to ten Years Imprisonment, which Time, it was told him, they did design to prolong, if they should think it fit; and all this, because he was suspected of having imbibed the Heretical Tenets of Protestants. From that dismal Prison he was dragged into another, and from that again to the Castle of

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of *St. Angelo*, where they kept him two whole Years. From thence he was brought to the Buildings call'd *St. Agathæ*, where he was obliged to lay down 5000 Crowns, which should be forfeited to the Court of Inquisition, if he should offer to stir but one Foot beyond their Limits. There he stay'd three Years, but falling sick, he removed into the City, from whence he was halled again to Prison, and after they had examined him a-new, they made him pay 1500 *Scudi*, and sent him back to the Castle of *St. Angelo*; where having been close

close Prisoner for sixteen Months, he was admitted at last into the Monastery of *St. Augustin*, giving a thousand *Scudi* Security at his Entrance. There he spent some Months in getting the Dukes of *Newburg* and *Parma*, as also his Majesty King *Charles* in *Spain's* Intercession for his Release, but all to no Purpose. At last he saved himself by Flight, and went to *Vienna*. But there he ran unawares into a greater Danger; for being found out by *Hannibal Al-
ba-
zi*, the Pope's Nuncio, he was by the Pope's, and the late

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late Emperour's Order, clapt
into Prison again, and branded
with the Name of, an ARCH-
HERETICK: In which Place,
having been confined for five
Months, he was, through the
special Direction of God's on-
ly wise and holy Providence,
and the Favour of the then
Regent Empress, released at
last, which was June 17.

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